

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Outline**



# **Executive Summary**

#### Summary of methodologies

- Data Collection via API, Web Scraping
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) with Data Visualization
- EDA with SQL
- Interactive Map with Folium
- Dashboards with Plotly Dash
- Predictive Analysis

#### Summary of all results

- Exploratory Data Analysis Results
- Interactive maps and dashboard
- Predictive Results

### Introduction

#### Project background and context

• With these project we want to predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will successfully land.

#### Problems you want to find answers

- The main characteristics of a successful or failed landing
- The effects of each relationship of the rocket variables on the success or failure of a landing
- The conditions which will allow SpaceX to achieve the best landing success rate



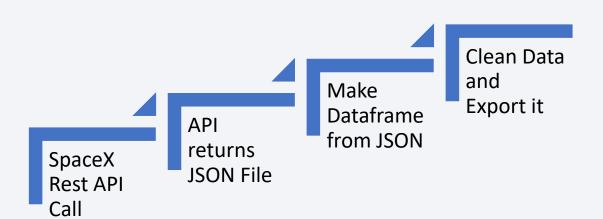
# Methodology

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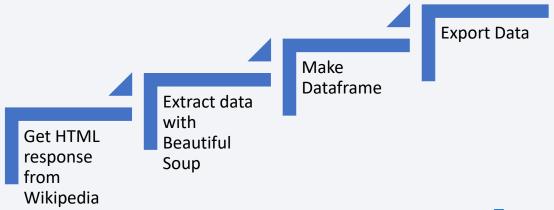
- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX REST API
  - Web Scrapping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - Dropping unnecessary columns
  - One Hot Encoding for classification models
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

### **Data Collection**

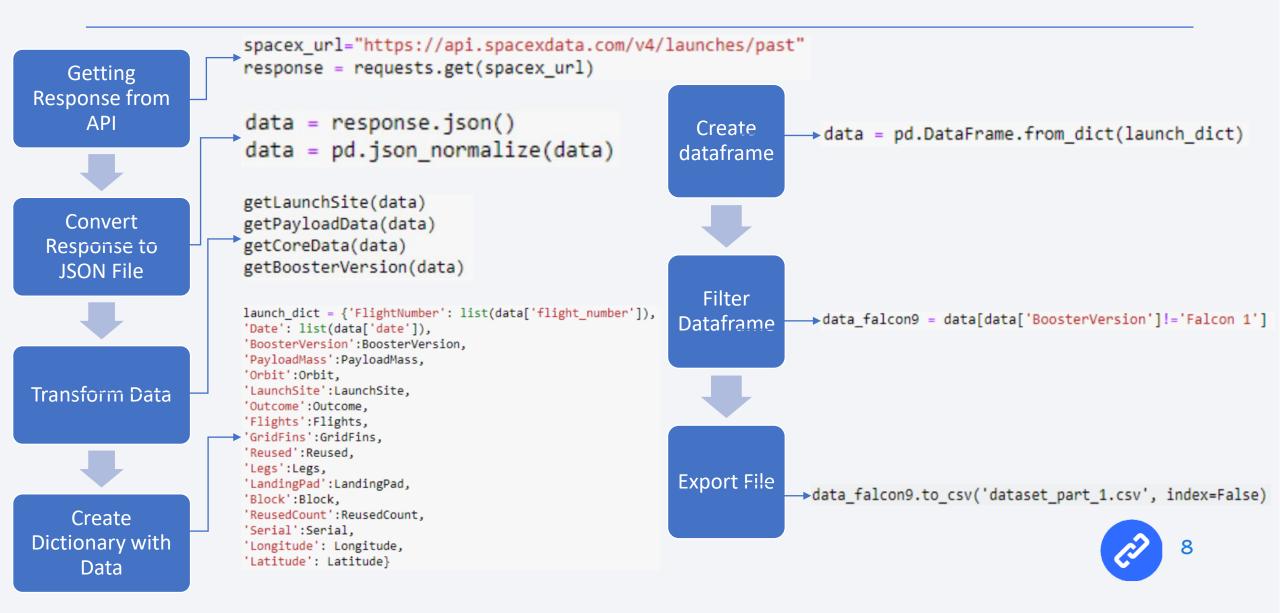
- Datasets are collected from Rest SpaceX API and webscrapping Wikipedia
  - The information obtained by the API are rocket, launches, payload information.
    - The Space X REST API URL is api.spacexdata.com/v4/



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# Data Collection – SpaceX API



# **Data Collection - Scraping**

```
Getting
Response from
                        response = requests.get(static url)
     HTML
     Create
BeautifulSoup
                       soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, "html5lib")
     Object
                          html tables = soup.findAll('table')
Find All Tables
                         for th in first_launch_table.find_all('th'):
                            name = extract column from header(th)
  Get Column
                            if name is not None and len(name) > 0 : 1
                                column_names.append(name)
```

Names

```
Create
  dictionary
  Add data to
     keys
    Create
dataframe from
  dictionary
 Export to Fila
```

```
launch dict- dict.fromkeys(column names)
# Remove an irrelvant column
del launch_dict['Date and time ( )']
# Let's initial the launch dict with each value to be an empty list
launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []
launch_dict['Launch site'] = []
launch_dict['Payload'] = []
launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []
launch_dict['Orbit'] - []
launch_dict['Customer'] - []
launch_dict['Launch outcome'] - []
# Added some new columns
launch_dict['Version Booster']-[]
launch_dict['Booster landing']=[]
launch dict['Date']=[]
launch_dict['Time']=[]
       extracted_row = 0
       #Extract each table
       for table_number, table in enumerate(soup.find_all
          # get table row
           for rows in table.find all("tr"):
               #check to see if first table heading is a
               if rows.th:
                   if rows.th.string:
                       flight number-rows.th.string.stri
                       flag=flight number.isdigit()
         df=pd.DataFrame(launch dict)
     df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)
```

# **Data Wrangling**

Calculate launches number for each site



Calculate the number and occurence of each orbit



Calculate number and occurence of misión outcome per orbit type

```
df['LaunchSite'].value_counts()
```

```
CCAFS SLC 40 55
KSC LC 39A 22
VAFB SLC 4E 13
Name: LaunchSite, dtype: int64
```

landing\_outcomes = df['Outcome'].value\_counts()
landing\_outcomes

```
True ASDS 41
None None 19
True RTLS 14
False ASDS 6
True Ocean 5
None ASDS 2
False Ocean 2
False RTLS 1
Name: Outcome, dtype: int64
```

```
df['Orbit'].value_counts()
```

```
GTO 27
ISS 21
VLEO 14
PO 9
LEO 7
SSO 5
MEO 3
SO 1
ES-L1 1
HEO 1
GEO 1
Name: Orbit, dtype: int64
```

```
landing_class = []
for key,value in df["Outcome"].items():
    if value in bad_outcomes:
        landing_class.append(0)
    else:
        landing_class.append(1)
df['Class']=landing_class
```

df.to\_csv("dataset\_part\_2.csv", index=False)

Create landing outcome lamebl from Outcom column



Export to File



### **EDA** with Data Visualization

#### **Scatter Graphs**

- Flight Number vs. Payload Mass
- Flight Number vs. Launch Site
- Payload vs. Launch Site
- Orbit vs. Flight Number
- Payload vs. Orbit Type
- Orbit vs. Payload Mass
- show relationship between variables. This relationship is called the correlation

#### Bar Graph

- Success rate vs orbit
- Show the relationship between numeric and categoric variables.

#### Line Graph

- Success Rate vs Year
- Show data variables and their trends. Line graphs can help to show global behavior and make prediction for unseen data

## **EDA** with SQL

We performed SQL queries to gather and understand data from dataset for display

- All Launch Site Names
- Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'
- Total Payload Mass
- Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1
- First Successful Ground Landing Date
- Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000
- Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes
- Boosters Carried Maximum Payload
- 2015 Launch Records
- Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

#### Folium map object is a map centered on NASA Johnson Space Center at Houson, Texas

Red circle at NASA Johnson Space Center's coordinate with label showing its name

• folium.Circle, folium.map.Marker

Red circles at each launch site coordinates with label showing launch site name

 folium.Circle, folium.map.Marker, folium.features.Divlcon

The grouping of points in a cluster to display multiple and different information for the same coordinates

• folium.plugins.MarkerCluster

Markers to show successful and unsuccessful landings. Green for successful landing and Red for unsuccessful landing.

• folium.map.Marker, folium.lcon

Markers to show distance between launch site to key locations (railway, highway, coastway, city) and plot a line between them.

 folium.map.Marker, folium.PolyLine, folium.features.Divlcon



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

We add to the dashboard:

#### Dropdown:

- Allows a user to choose the launch site or all launch sites
- dash core components.Dropdown

#### Pie chart

- Shows the total success and the total failure for the launch site chosen with the dropdown component
- plotly.express.pie

#### Rangeslider

- Allows a user to select a payload mass in a fixed range
- dash\_core\_components.RangeSlider

#### Scatter chart

- Shows the relationship between two variables, in particular Success vs Payload Mass
- plotly.express.scatter



# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

#### Data preparation

- Load dataset
- Normalize data
- Split data into training and test sets.

#### Model preparation

- Selection of machine learning algorithms
- Set parameters for each algorithm to GridSearchCV
- Training GridSearchModel models with training dataset

#### Model evaluation

- Get best hyperparameters for each type of model
- Compute accuracy for each model with test dataset
- Plot Confusion Matrix

#### Model comparison

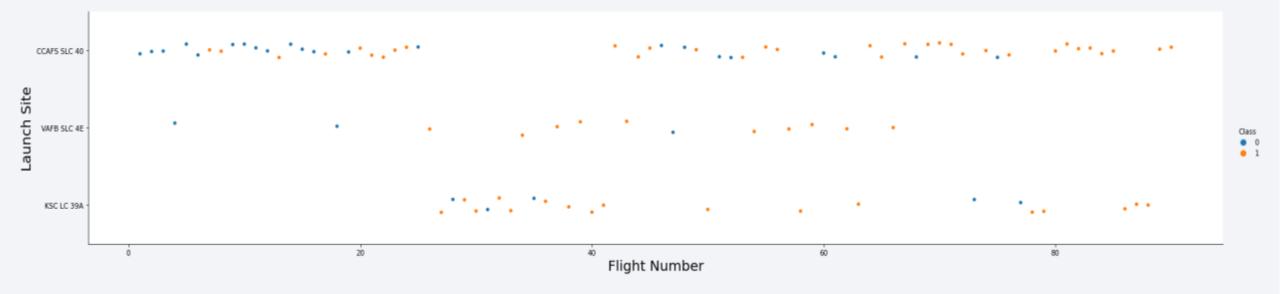
- Comparison of models according to their accuracy
- The model with the best accuracy will be chosen

### Results

- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results

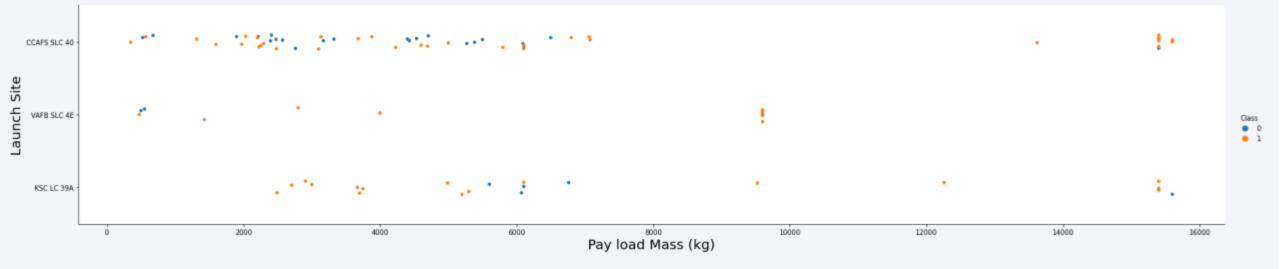


# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



The success rate is increasing for each site

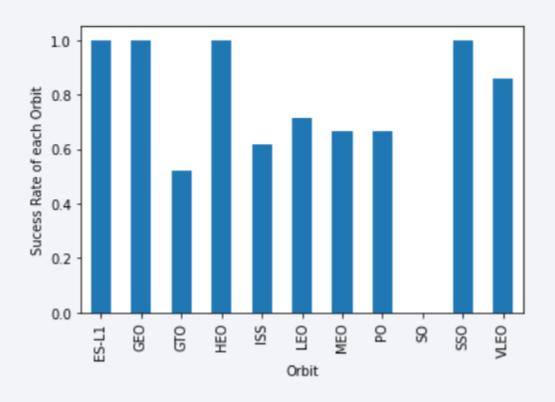
# Payload vs. Launch Site



Each launch site, accept different payload. A heavier, may be a consideration for a successful landing.

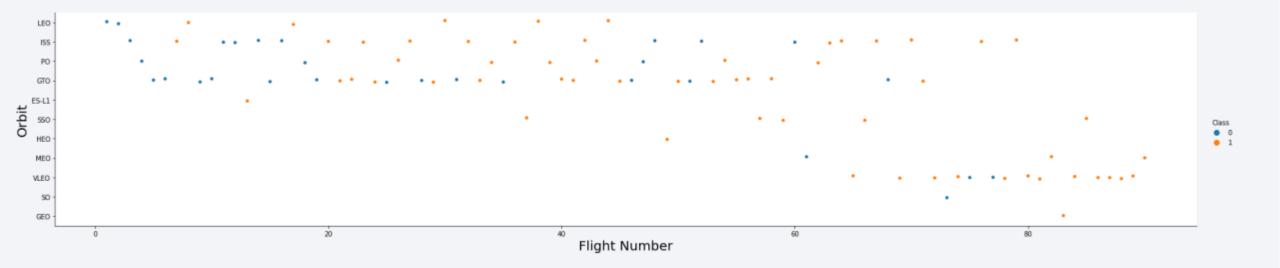
But, a too heavy can make a landing fail

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



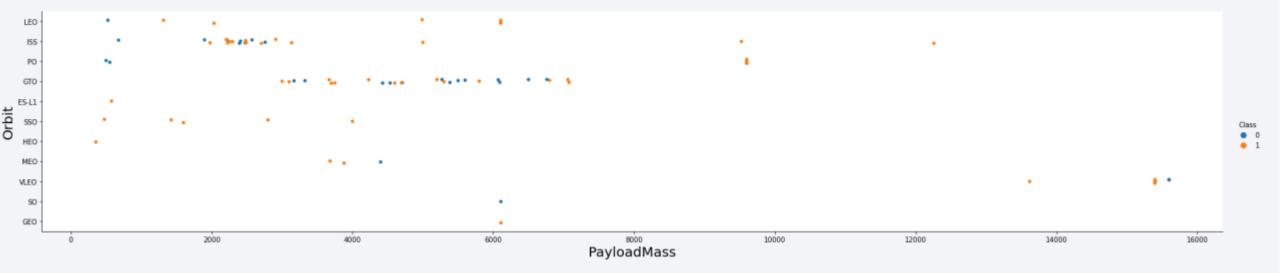
ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO have the best success rate

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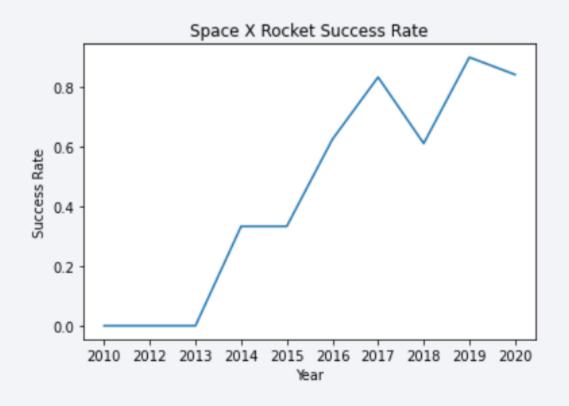
- Success rate increases with the number of flights for the LEO orbit.
- There is no relation between the success rate and the number of flights for GTO
- SSO or HEO have high success rate

# Payload vs. Orbit Type



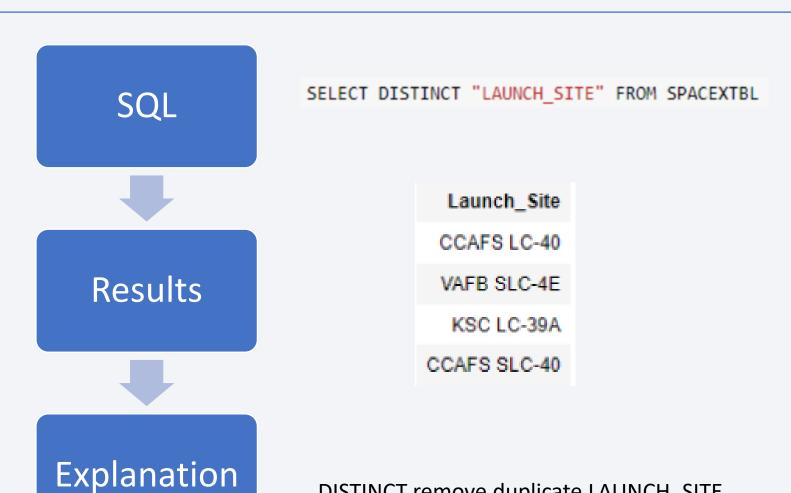
- The weight of the payloads have big influence on the success rate of the launches in certain orbits
- Heavier payloads improve the success rate for the LEO orbit
- Decreasing the payload weight for a GTO orbit improves the success of a launch

# Launch Success Yearly Trend



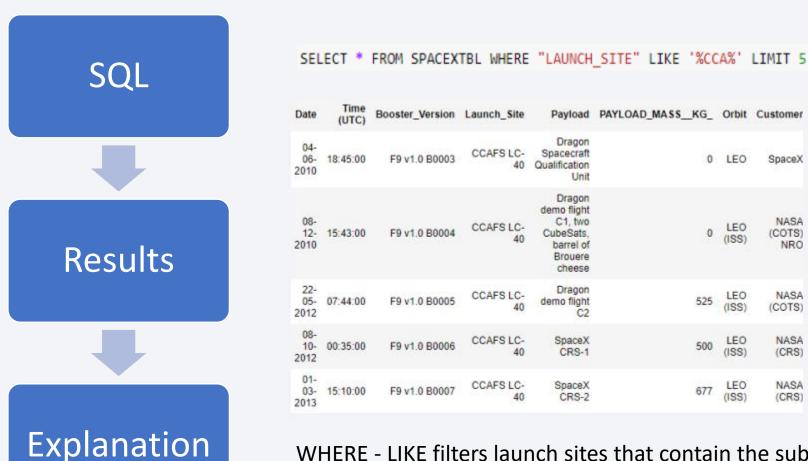
• There is an increase in the Space X Rocket success rate since 2013

### All Launch Site Names



DISTINCT remove duplicate LAUNCH\_SITE.

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'



WHERE - LIKE filters launch sites that contain the substring CCA. LIMIT 5 shows 5 records from filtering

# **Total Payload Mass**



# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1



# First Successful Ground Landing Date

Explanation



WHERE filters dataset in order to keep only records where landing was successful. MIN function, we select the record with the oldest date.

### Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

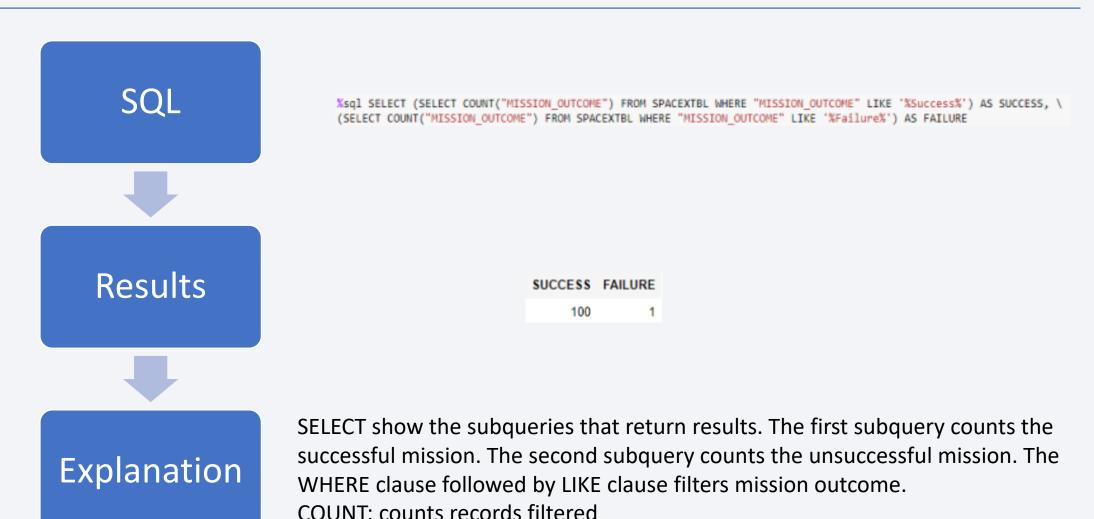


Explanation

This query returns the booster version where landing was successful and payload mass is between 4000 and 6000 kg.

The WHERE and AND clauses filter the dataset.

### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes



# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**



```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT "BOOSTER_VERSION" FROM SPACEXTBL \
WHERE "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" = (SELECT max("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") FROM SPACEXTBL)
                    Booster_Version
                      F9 B5 B1048.4
                      F9 B5 B1049.4
                      F9 B5 B1051.3
                      F9 B5 B1056.4
                      F9 B5 B1048.5
                      F9 B5 B1051.4
                      F9 B5 B1049.5
                      F9 B5 B1060.2
                      F9 B5 B1058.3
                      F9 B5 B1051.6
                      F9 B5 B1060.3
                      F9 B5 B1049.7
```

MAX: return only the heaviest payload mass
SELECT DISTINCT: returns unique booster version with the heaviest payload mass

### 2015 Launch Records

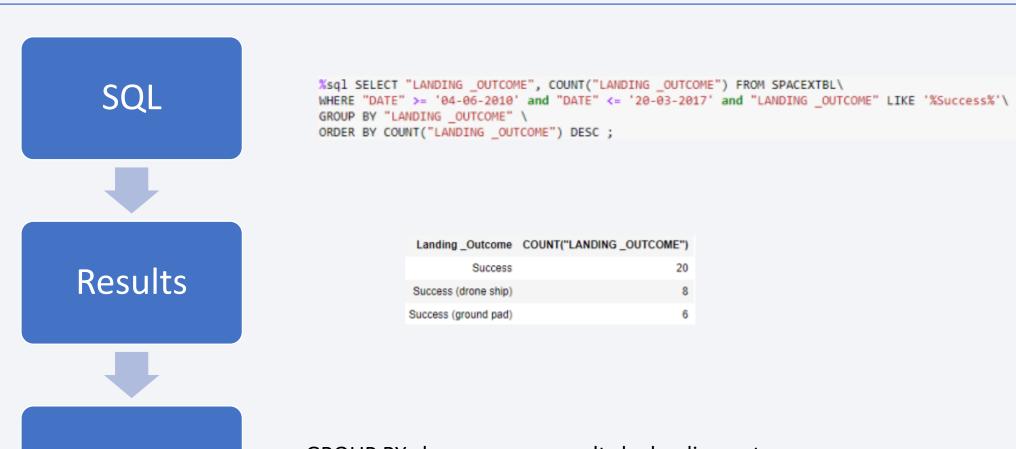


%sql SELECT substr("DATE", 4, 2) AS MONTH, "BOOSTER\_VERSION", "LAUNCH\_SITE" FROM SPACEXTBL\
WHERE "LANDING \_OUTCOME" = 'Failure (drone ship)' and substr("DATE",7,4) = '2015'

MONTH	Booster_Version	Launch_Site
01	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
04	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

Substr function process date in order to take month or year. Substr(DATE, 4, 2) shows month. Substr(DATE,7, 4) shows year.

### Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20



Explanation

GROUP BY clause groups results by landing outcome ORDER BY COUNT DESC shows results in decreasing order

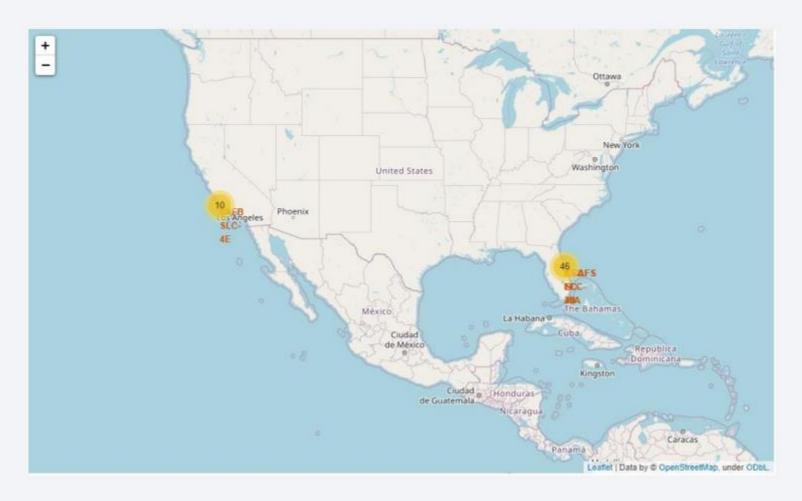


### Folium map – Color Labeled Markers for launches

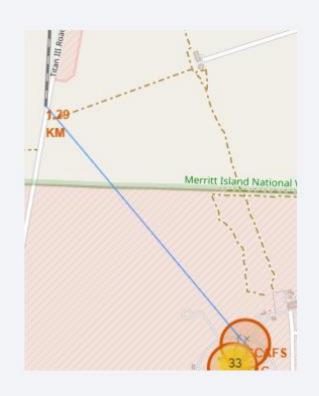


Green marker represents successful launches. Red marker represents unsuccessful launches. KSC LC-39A has a higher launch success rate.

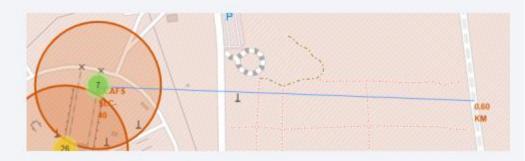
### Folium map – Location of the Ground stations

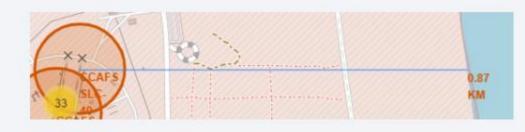


### Folium Map – Distances with CCAFS SLC-40





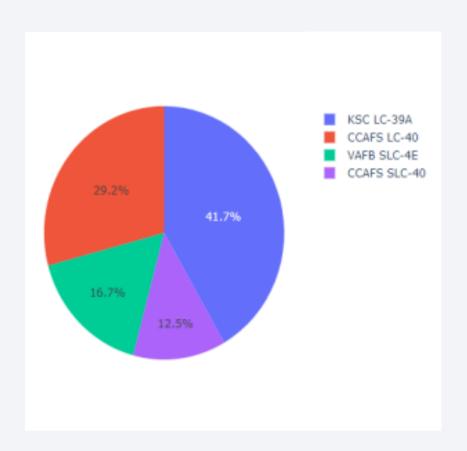




CCAFS SLC-40 in in close proximity to railways
CCAFS SLC-40 is in close proximity to highways
CCAFS SLC-40 is in close proximity to coastline
CCAFS SLC-40 don't keeps certain distance away from cities

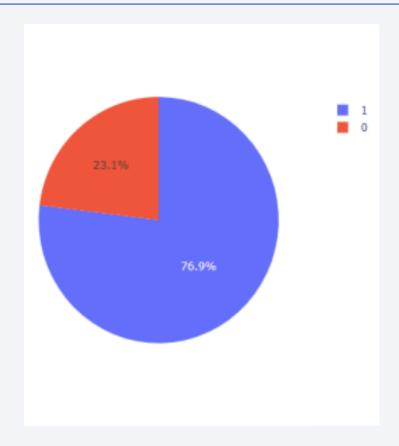


### Dashboard – Success by Site



KSC LC-39A has the best success rate of launches

### Dashboard – Success launches for Site KSC LC-39A



KSC LC-39A has achieved a 76.9% and a 23.1% failure rate.

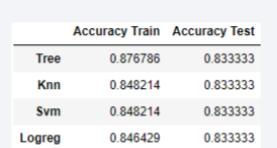
#### Dashboard - Payload mass vs Outcome for all sites with different payload mass selected

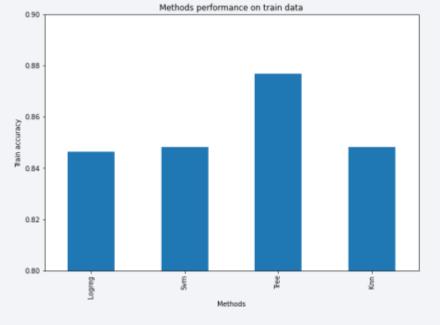


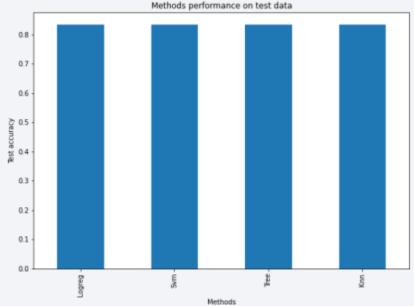


# **Classification Accuracy**

tuned hyperparameters :(best parameters) {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max\_depth': 12, 'max\_features': 'sqrt', 'min\_samples\_leaf':
4, 'min\_samples\_split': 2, 'splitter': 'random'}



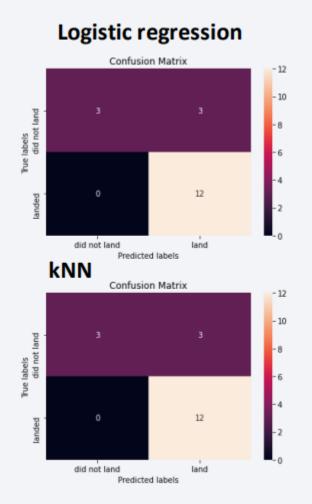


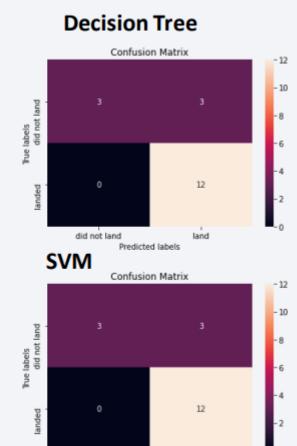


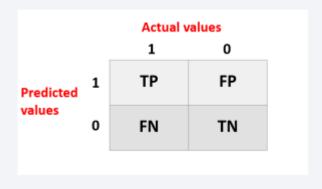
For accuracy test, all methods performed similar.

We could get more test data to decide between them. But if we really need to choose one right now, we would take the decision tree.

### **Confusion Matrix**







As the test accuracy are all equal, the confusion matrices are also identical. The main problem of these models are false positives.

Predicted labels

land

did not land

### Conclusions

The success of a mission have relation with the launch site, the orbit and the number of previous launches. There has been a gain in knowledge between launches that allowed to go from a launch failure to a success. The orbits with the best success rates are GEO, HEO, SSO, ES-L1. Depending on the orbits, the payload mass can be a criterion to take into account for the success of a mission. Some orbits require a light or heavy payload mass. But generally low weighted payloads perform better than the heavy weighted payloads. KSC LC-39A is the best launch site but we cannot explain why. We need more atmospheric data to make conclusions. The best model for these data set is the Decision Tree Algorithm because it has a better train accuracy

# **Appendix**

